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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed February 25, 2004, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expired on May 25, 2004, and which has been extended one (1) month to June 25, 2004, amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.